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1. COMMERCE CONTACTED AVCO EMBASSY PICTURE CORP. AT BOTH NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES OFFICES. HERBERT FLETCHER, GENERAL SALES MANAGER, AT LATTER LOCATION WHICH IS COMPANY HEADQUARTERS SAYS ACOSTA WHOLLY UNAUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT FIRM OR USE ITS LETTERHEAD.

2. ACOSTA APPARENTLY WAS CONNECTED WITH AVCO IN PAST. FLETCHER LABELED HIM A "CROOK" WHO DEFRAUDED BOTH COMPANY AND INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES WITH BAD CHECKS. AVCO WILL ENDEAVOR TO PROSECUTE IF ACOSTA CAN BE BROUGHT WITHIN U.S. FELONY JURISDICTION.

3. AVCO HAS SUBSTANTIAL VOLUME OF SALES AND DISTRIBUTION OVERSEAS WITH OFFICES IN PARIS, ROME AND TOKYO. COMMERCE ASSUMES POST DOES NOT REQUIRE DETAILED INFORMATION ON COMPANY AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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